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CHARITABLE SOLICITATION LICENSING DIVISION

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Craig B. Spray, Treasurer  
NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund  
11250 Waples Mill Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22030-9400

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Dear Craig B. Spray:

The Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division has received and reviewed your license application for licensure as a charitable organization or sponsor. For the reason(s) listed below, you are denied a license until you are in compliance with the Charitable Solicitation Act and the Rules.

Failure to comply with 131F-6(a)(12)c as follows:

- Applicant must submit a "Certificate of Existence" or "Certificate of Good Standing" document issued by the state of incorporation no later than six (6) months prior to the date the license application was signed."

PLEASE NOTE: You may file your required amendments online by visiting [www.sosnc.gov](http://www.sosnc.gov), clicking on "Sign In" in the upper right hand corner of the web page. You must set up an efilng account prior to using our on-line filing system. Once you have logged on to your account, you will use the personalized Doc ID which is listed at the top of this letter to access this specific filing.

Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, specifically 18 NCAC 11.0306 addresses "Incomplete Application" as follows: "An applicant who fails to respond to any question, to provide any required information, or to submit the proper fee shall not be licensed." You have two options: (1) you may file amending documents that correct the items that are listed in this letter, but you must file the documents on or before September 19, 2019. Failure to file by this deadline means that you must start the application process again and must pay all fees again when you reapply (2) you may appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings as outlined in the separate Notice of Appeal Rights that is enclosed with this letter. Solicitation of charitable contributions without a valid license may subject this organization to enforcement action pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. 131F-23.

The Department appreciates your efforts to comply with North Carolina's licensing requirements. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Chapters 131F (the Charitable Solicitation Act) and 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes, if you wish to appeal the CSL decision that licensing requirements have not been satisfied, you must file a Petition for a Contested Case Hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Beginning on October 1, 2009, OAH is charging a filing fee for certain types of cases. The fee is payable at the time the Petition is filed. Additional details will be posted on the OAH website, [www.ncoah.com](http://www.ncoah.com), as the Rules concerning the filing fee are established. Further information related to OAH proceedings, including a form Petition and other documents, may be accessed from the website or by writing to OAH at the following address:

Office of Administrative Hearings  
6714 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

The street address of OAH is as follows:

Office of Administrative Hearings  
1711 New Hope Church Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609

OAH Phone Number: 919-431-3000

OAH Fax Number: 919-431-3100

Mandatory timelines govern the hearing process. Under relevant provisions of N. C. Gen. Stat. §§131F-5(b), 131F-15(e), and 131F-16(e), the Petition for a Contested Case Hearing must be filed within seven (7) days of your receipt of the enclosed letter and this Notice. If you appeal, your Petition for a Contested Case Hearing must be served on the authorized agent of the Secretary of State, who is Ann Wall, General Counsel to the NC Department of the Secretary of State, PO Box 29622, Raleigh, NC 27626-0622. Service on CSL or any of its employees is not proper service.

If you do not file at OAH within the seven day timeframe, you will likely be forever barred from contesting the Department's decision in the letter enclosed with this Notice. The statute of limitations for challenging the Department's decision that licensing requirements have not been satisfied will have run.

If you file a timely Petition for a Contested Case Hearing, OAH must schedule and hold a Hearing within seven (7) days of the date on which the Petition is filed and must issue a Recommended Decision within three (3) days of the Hearing. A Final Decision must be made within two (2) days after the Recommended Decision is issued. As timelines are mandated by the Charitable Solicitation Act, OAH must strictly follow them. You must, therefore, be ready to proceed quickly once you have filed the Petition.